

MAYOR AND COUNCIL STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA SUBCOMMITTEE
RIO NUEVO/DOWNTOWN, ARTS, CULTURE AND HISTORY
ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION REPORT AND SUMMARY
March 22, 2007

Council Member Trasoff called the Subcommittee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Ward 6 Council Office, 3202 E. 1st Street, Tucson, Arizona.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Nina Trasoff, Subcommittee Chair, Council Member - Ward 6
Council Member Jose Ibarra, Council Member - Ward 1 Mayor
Steve Leal, Council Member - Ward 5 (Arrived at 5:15 p.m.)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Shelko, Rio Nuevo Director
Lou Ginsberg, Real Estate Special Projects Manager
Marty McCune, Historic Preservation Officer, Urban Planning
and Design Department
Karen Leone, Rio Nuevo Special Projects Coordinator

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1. Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.	
2. Approval of Minutes (February 15, 2007) <i>Council Member Ibarra moved to approve the minutes as presented by staff. Chair Trasoff seconded the motion. Motion passed 2 to 0</i>	
3. Call to the Audience There was no response.	
4. Historic Street Name Signs Ms. McCune reported that a group was formed with City and the Tucson-Pima Arts Council (TPAC) to define a project to recognize downtown historic street names and they selected the following five streets for implementation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Broadway – Camp Street- Alameda Street – Calle de la Guardia- Congress Street – Calle de la Alegria- Pennington Street – Calle del Arroyo	

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- Main Avenue - Camino Real

An abbreviated process to select artists for the project will be used. TPAC has a list of pre-qualified artists. Up to three artists will be asked to submit proposals and then one artist will be selected to implement the project. The selection process could be finished in three months and the signs could be installed by the end of the year if funding is available and there are no unforeseen delays.

Council Member Ibarra made a motion to direct staff to continue working on the project as outlined. Chair Trasoff seconded the motion and asked staff to consult with Council Member Leal to make sure he is comfortable with the project scope since he's the one that initiated the discussion. Motion passed 2 to 0.

URBAN PLANNING & DESIGN

5. Warehouse Arts District

Mr. Ginsberg outlined the properties that were managed and controlled by the City and ADOT. Each property was then listed by disposition category:

- 1) property to City for roadway purposes;
- 2) property to remain with ADOT for roadway purposes (status yet to be determined); and
- 3) property to City for general government purposes.

Staff is also looking into the actual occupancy and conditions of the buildings. A third party is analyzing relocation benefits, places for relocation, and costs to relocate. The report will be presented to Mayor and Council in mid-April.

No action was taken on this item.

5:15 p.m. - Council Member Leal arrived at the meeting.

TRANSPORTATION

6. Downtown Development and Infrastructure Requirements

Ms. Leone and Mr. Shelko reported on the progress of the private-public partnership to identify infrastructure needs for downtown. Michael Keith is heading up the private-sector portion. The information will determine if there is a gap to meet future development needs. The private partners hired

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<p>an independent engineering firm to facilitate the process and to communicate with the private utility companies to collect the information. They will also look at proposed development densities, capacities and make engineering assumptions to estimate what upgrades will cost.</p> <p>Council Member Ibarra asked what the boundaries were? Staff responded all of the downtown area within the Rio Nuevo District, the area north of the railroad tracks as part of the Warehouse Arts District, and the Cushing Street to 22nd Street frontage road. It also includes infrastructure and improvements to the Warehouse Arts District properties to the west of Stone.</p> <p>The target date for finishing the draft is Friday, April 13, 2007.</p> <p><i>No action was taken on this item.</i></p>	RIO NUEVO
<p>7. Future Agenda Items</p> <p>April, 2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Historic Street Name Signs (update on the project)- Downtown Development and Infrastructure Requirements (draft report)- Hotel, Arena and Convention Center (general discussion about how best to present recommendations to the M&C)	
<p>8. Adjournment</p> <p>Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.</p>	